

## LITERARY NOTES.

Colonel John Hay, who is now in Europe with his family, left with the Harpers a charming poem which is to appear in an early number of their magazine. "When Phyllis Laughs" is its pleasant title.

Mr. Norman Lockyer's observations among the old temples of Egypt will bear good fruit in his forthcoming book, "The Dawn of Astronomy."

An edition of the "Writings of Thomas Paine," which the Putnams have in press, will be brought out in a shape uniform with their "Writings of Washington" and "Writings of Jefferson." The second volume of the last-named collection is now ready.

In addition to his twenty volumes of the Rougon-Macquart series of novels, M. Zola has published nine other volumes of fiction, one volume of plays, and seven volumes of criticism. This is certainly industry—whether profitable or not to civilization posteriorly must decide. It is, without doubt, profitable to the author, for the public has paid out for the Rougon-Macquart series alone the sum of \$1,000,000. The other nine volumes of fiction have also had a large sale.

Professor Hugo Wolf in his just published work, "Three Centuries of Scottish Literature," declares that "Scots who have" is probably the finest patriotic song ever written; in which he does not agree with Principal Sharp, who describes it, in effect, as a rant in favor of liberty.

Readers have sometimes doubted whether the author of "The Story of an African Farm" had capacity for the writing of a second book. Her forthcoming volume will determine the question, for the few allegories she has published of late years were of little account. Miss Scheiner is said to be a very fastidious worker, destroying always in the morning the work of the previous day which falls short of her own standard.

An edition of Mrs. Alfred Gatty's delightful "Parables From Nature"—which are among the best books for children—will soon be issued by the Putnams in two volumes.

Mr. Sals has written a novel which will soon appear in serial form. It is to be called "Miss Forster, a Romance Within a Romance."

It has lately been finally shown that the grave of William Blake cannot be discovered.

There is a report that Thomas Hardy is severely mitten with the theatrical mania, and has seriously in mind the idea of letting novel-writing rest for a period and devoting himself to the drama.

It should not be forgotten that Charles Scribner's Sons are the sole agents for the Baedeker guides for the United States. This is a fact the statement of which was accidentally omitted in a notice of the "United States" recently given in these columns.

## New Publications.

## JUST PUBLISHED.

## CAMP-FIRES OF A NATURALIST.

By CLARENCE L. EDWARDS. The Story of Fourteen Expeditions after North American Mammals. From the Field Notes of LEWIS LINDSEY DYCHE, A. M., M. S., Professor of Zoology and Curator of Birds and Mammals in the Kansas State University. With numerous Illustrations. 12mo. Cloth, \$1.50.

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In her comprehension of the strange phases of Indian life, her sympathy with the reasoning and moods of the people, and her quick perception of effective and humorous contrasts, Mrs. Steel suggests Mr. Kipling in his pictures of the native Indians. Miss Steel, however, finds more characters among the Indians than Mr. Kipling, whom she has selected most sympathetically and vividly. Her book is a fascinating one in its mingling of comedy and pathos, and it is not strange that the writer has quickly earned an exceptional reputation in England.

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## BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

ONE OF THE PROFESSION. By Matthew White, Jr. 16mo, pp. 222. (Home Book Publishers.)

UNITED STATES OFFICIAL HOTEL DIRECTORY. SIXTY-SECOND EDITION. New York: C. T. C.

AMAZON LAND. Adapted from Brazilian Writers, with Original Selections. By Martha F. Sewell. Square, 16mo, pp. 94. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.)

BRADDOCK. A Story of the French and Indian War. By John H. Monk. The National Novel. 12mo, pp. 320. (Frank & Wallace Co.)

JACK JOHNSIE. A Novel. By John Strange Winter. 12mo, pp. 312. (J. B. Lippincott Co.)

BUSINESS CORPORATIONS. By Dwight Owen Jones. Large 8vo, pp. 350. (Academy Veerh & Co.)

GOLD TO GOLD AND NEW DACE IN ITALY. Exhibited in Chicago in 1893. By Cora A. S. Di Bratza. Pp. 180. (W. W. Conkey Co.)

THE CORNELIAN. (Cornell University) Square 8vo, pp. 385. (The New York Printing Co.)

POOR'S MANUAL OF RAILROADS. 1893. (N. V. & N. W. Poor.)

MYNEHE J. In St. George Rathbone. 12mo, pp. 289. (Robert Bonner's Sons.)

NADA, THE LILY. By M. Rider Haggard. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 256. (Longmans, Green & Co.)

JILL, THE FLINGER GIRL. By L. T. Meade. 12mo, pp. 236. (Thomas White & Co.)

CLASSIFIED DIGEST. Records of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, 1701-1892. Large 8vo, pp. 100. (Prop. Home Park.)

EDWARD SMITH'S SAILING. The Principal Causes of Disaster in Agriculture and Trade. By Charles W. Smith. 16mo, pp. 170. (Samson, Low, Marston & Co.)

PENITENT SHARING AND THE LABOR QUESTION. By ALBERT MATTHEWS. (Pan American.) 12mo, pp. 120. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.)

BRIEF HISTORY OF CHINA. Being an Account for the General Reader of an Ancient Empire and People. By J. B. Lippincott Co.

CAMP FIRES OF A NATURALIST. By Clarence E. Edwards. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 304. (D. Appleton & Co.)

THE SPANISH PRIEST. A Play in Five Acts, Attempting Portrayal of Frontier Characters, in Pioneer Days, on the Banks of the "Father of Waters." By P. J. Upton. (The Woodward & Thorne Publishing Co.)

THE ADIRONDACKS. Containing Descriptions of Notable Features of that Region. By S. R. Stoddard. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 292. (Published by the Author.)

**M. W. NICHOLS SAID TO BE A BIGAMIST.**

**A REPORT THAT THE REAL ESTATE DEALER WHO DISAPPEARED FROM WHITE PLAINS HAS ANOTHER FAMILY IN VERMONT.**

An announcement was made yesterday which throws some light on the continued absence of Alvin W. Nichols, the real estate speculator who mysteriously left White Plains on July 20. The information was given out at the office of the Sheriff of Westchester County that the missing speculator is a much-married man. The information came from Frank W. Pierce, a prosperous plumber of White Plains, and a half-brother of Mrs. Nichols. He says Mr. Nichols has a wife and three children at Barre, Vt. This piece of information, Mr. Pierce says, was being investigated at the time Nichols disappeared. Mr. Pierce believes that Mr. Nichols is the subject of the investigation and hastened his departure.

"I was not at Waterford," added Mr. Pierce yesterday, "when the climax came. A dispatch from Malone, Nichols's former home, informing me of his absence from White Plains caused me to return home immediately. The blow is sad one to my sister, though financially it is not as bad as it might have been. At best Mrs. Nichols cannot be a lesser to a greater extent than \$5,000 or \$6,000. All the real estate speculations made by Nichols in White Plains property were made in his wife's name and through my advice, and every piece of property has increased in value. The financial difficulties are caused by the investments in the paint factories at Bound Brook, N. J., and while the paint factories which are involved here friends will soon know."

Mr. Pierce went to Bound Brook yesterday afternoon in company with Sheriff John Duffy, of Westchester County, to learn the possible whereabouts of his friend. She has been missing over her husband's disappearance. She has one child, a boy, and had no reason to believe in the alleged previous marriage of her husband. She has the memory of an estate worth \$10,000 to \$12,000, and nothing else. Her father was Warren L. Manning, in his lifetime a well-known business man of Malone, D. W. Lawrence, president of the Farmers' National Bank of Malone, is the executor of the late Mrs. Nichols's will and is remitting the income of the property to Mrs. Nichols. It was this income with which Nichols was speculating. The principal is intact.

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